Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. Hence, the company was directed to deposit the overcharged amount of Rs.4.70 lakhs during the period the said formulation was sold at a price higher than the notified price, and interest thereon of Rs.3.11 lakhs in September 2001. The Company deposited the said overcharged amount together with interest thereon of Rs.7.81 lakhs (Rs. 4.70 lakhs+Rs.3.11 lakhs) in September itself.

Recovery of urea scam money

†592. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Fertilizers Limited had to recover 246.47 crore rupees involved in the scam related to the purchase of urea from Karsan Limited, Turkey;

(b) if not, the exact figure of the amount;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only 1.02 crore rupees have been recovered till now in this regard; and

(d) if so, the exact figure of the amount recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Fertilizers Limited had to recover a sum of Rs.246.47 crores from M/s. Karsan Limited, Turkey. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 1.02 crores has, so far, been recovered.

Revival of closed fertilizers units

593. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of closed or sick chemical fertilizer units in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to revive the closed/sick units;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have prepared a report for revival of these units;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether Bureau of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction has approved the report; and

(f) if so, the details therelf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) The Government has taken a decision to close Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL) as they were not found techno-economically viable.

(b) to (d) Proposals for revival of Barauni and Durgapur units of HFC; Gorakhpur and Sindri units of FCI have been received from these companies for setting up brown field gas based fertilizers plants at the existing sites. In the case of Haldia unit of HFC, Shriram EPC had submitted a proposal for setting up a coke oven complex including production of fertilizers. Action has also been initiated to explore the possibility of reviving the Amjhore unit of PPCL by mining and selling the pyrites available at the unit direct as fertilizers. The revivals of these units is dependent on the techno-economic viability of the proposals.

(e) and (f) In the case of FCI, Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has forwarded its opinion to close the company to the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and in respect of PPCL to the Hon'ble High Court of Patna for further action. The hearing of BIFR was held on 29.11.2005 in respect of HFC and as per directions of the Board, the action has already been initiated to prepare the revival schemes for the closed units of the company and the finalisation of these schemes will depend on the techno-economic viability of the proposals.

Secondary freight to fertilizers

594. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to grant secondary freight to all fertilizers including urea; and

(b) if so, by when a decision will be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (b) While secondary freight